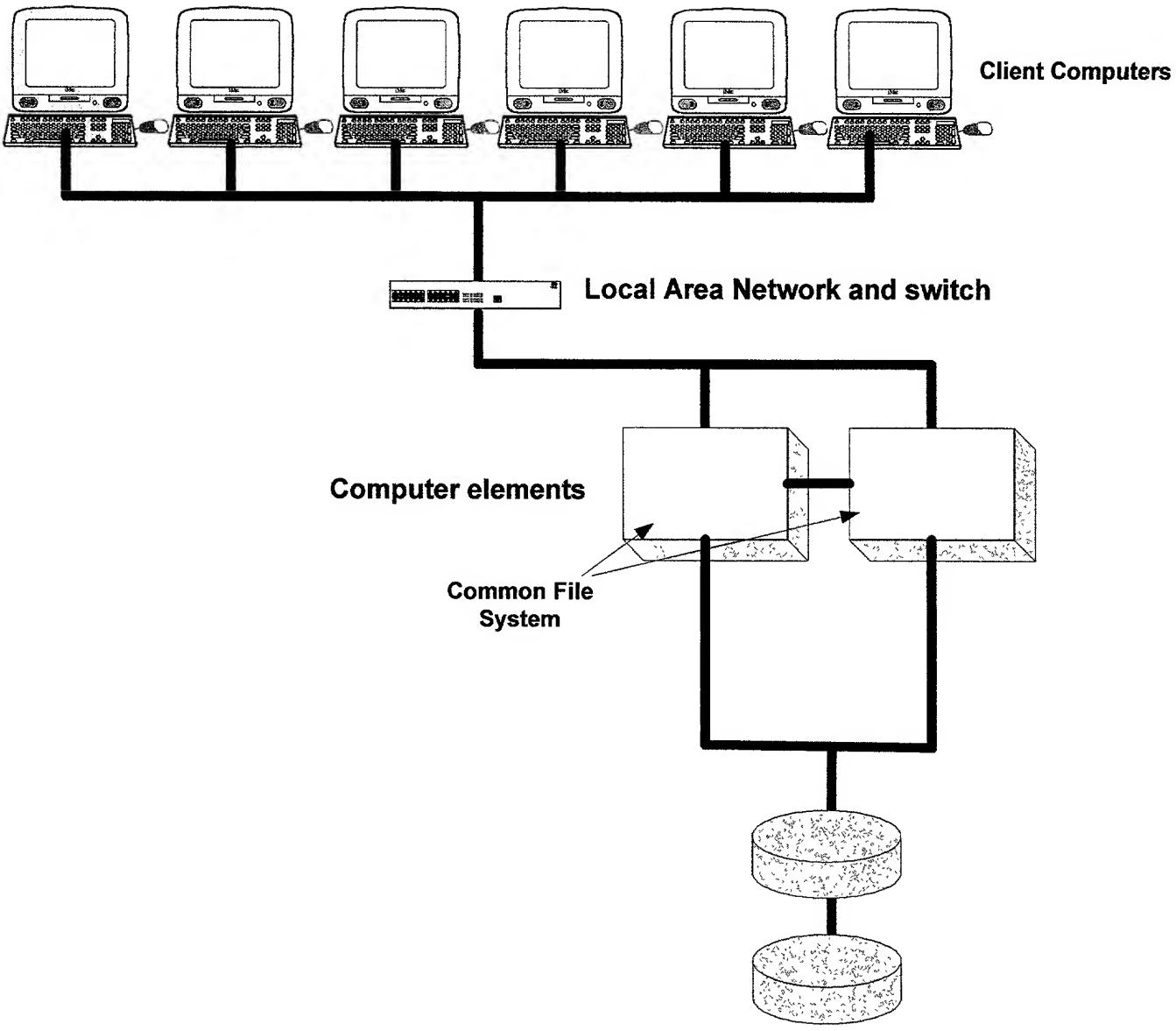

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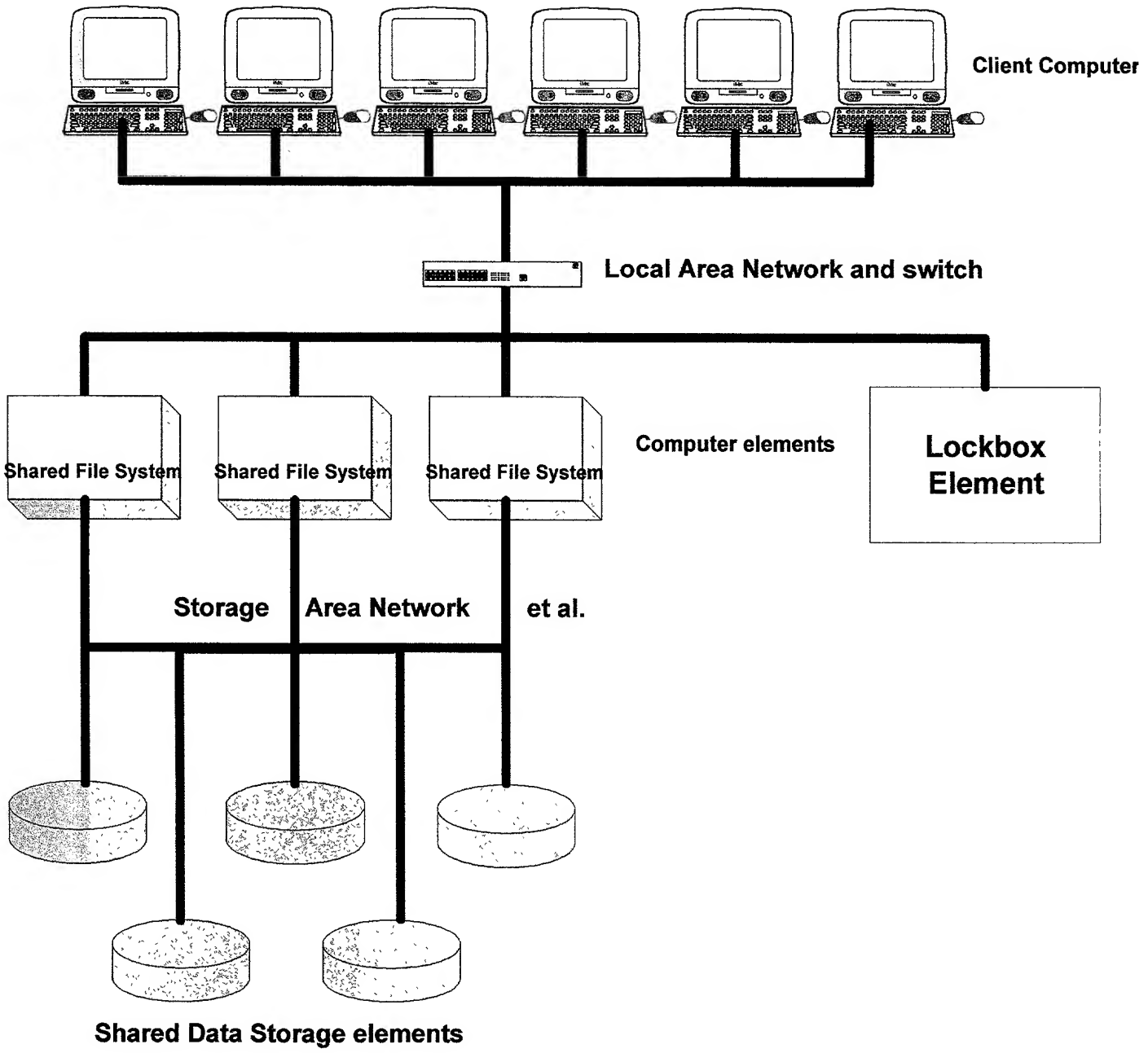

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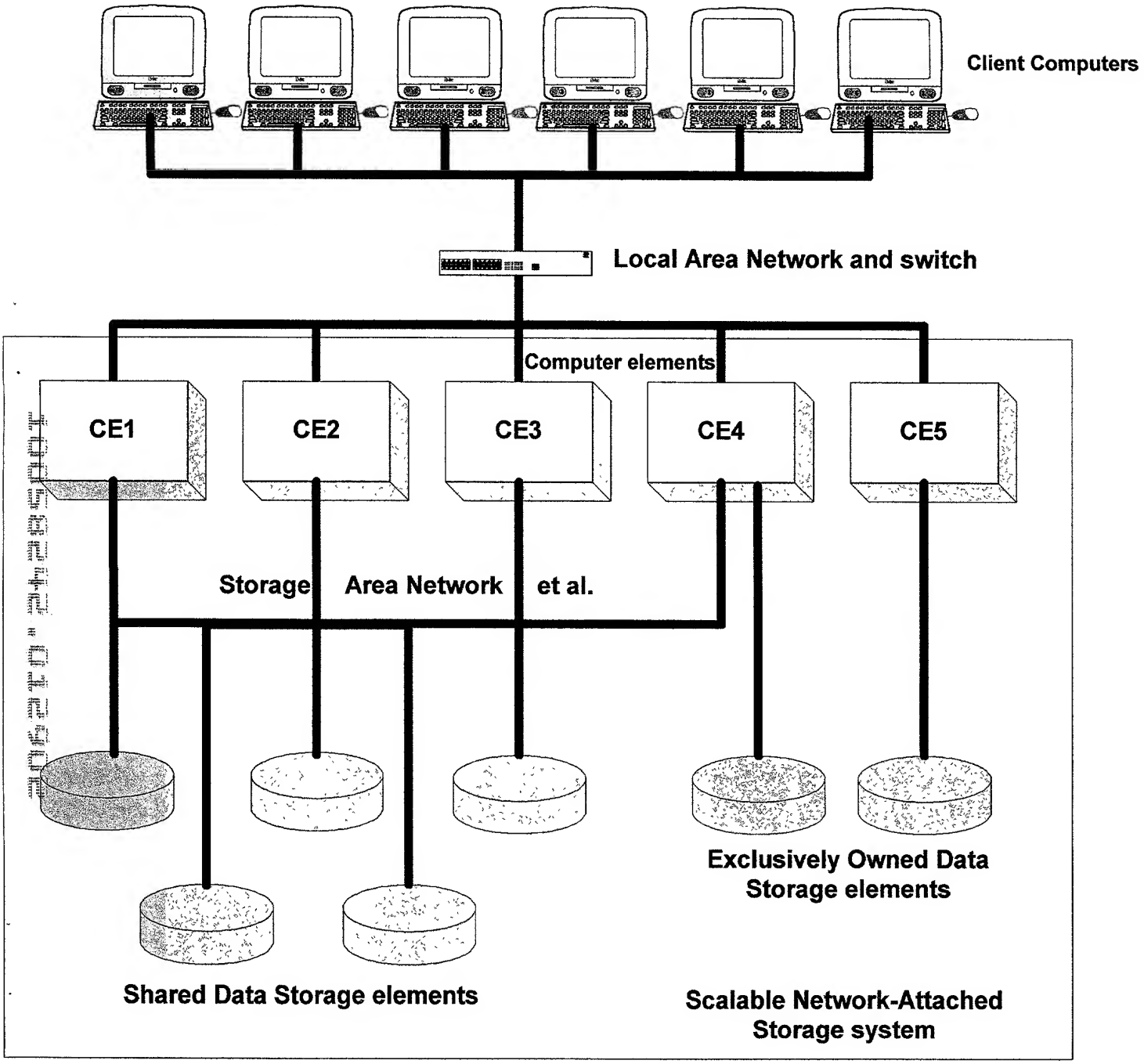

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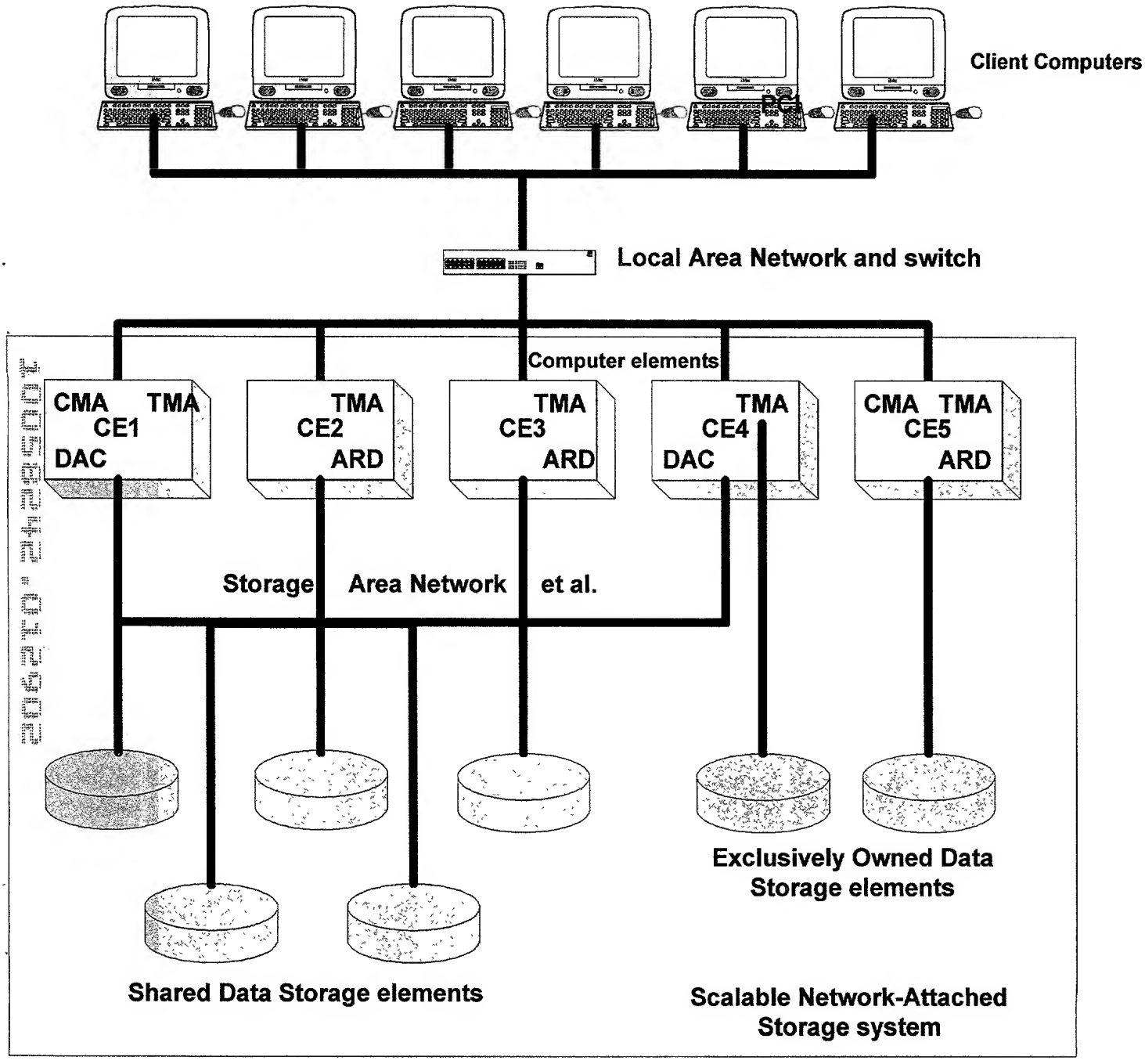

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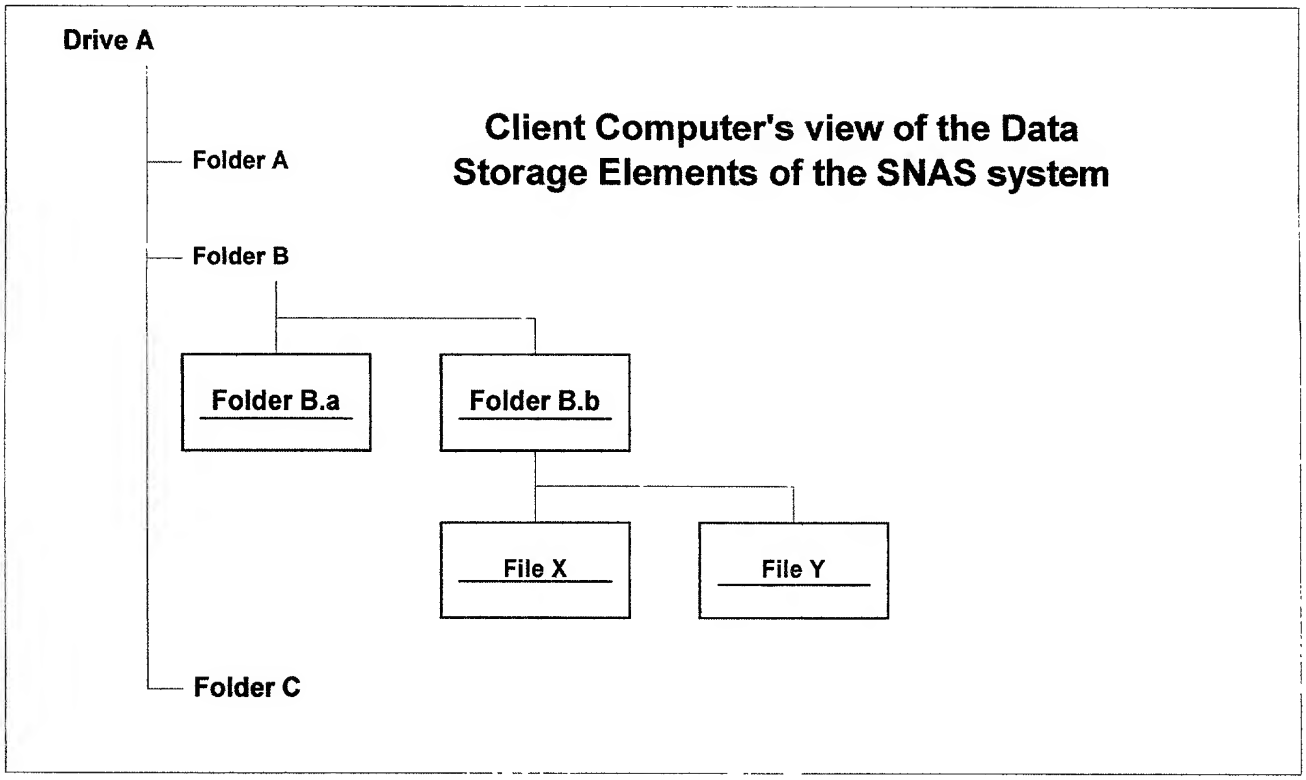

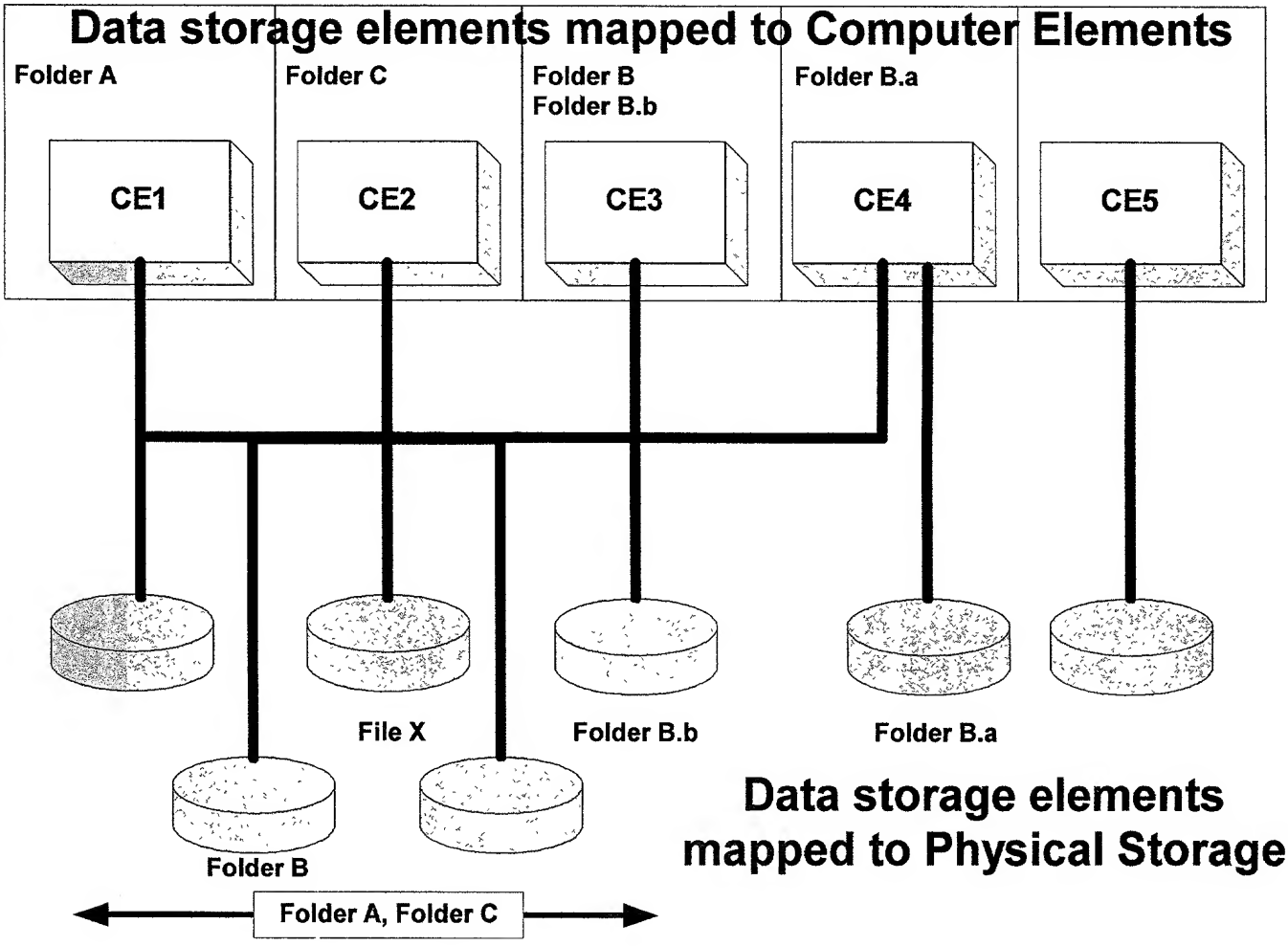

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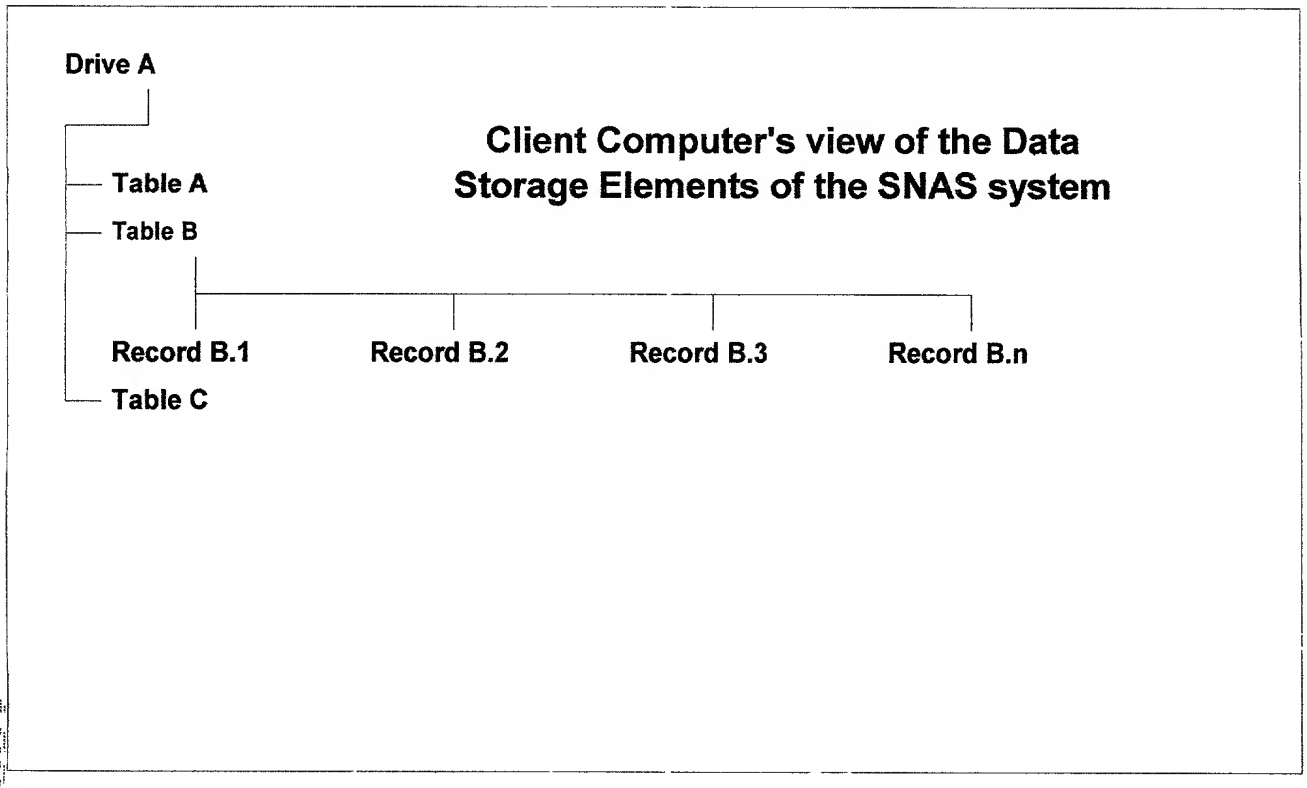

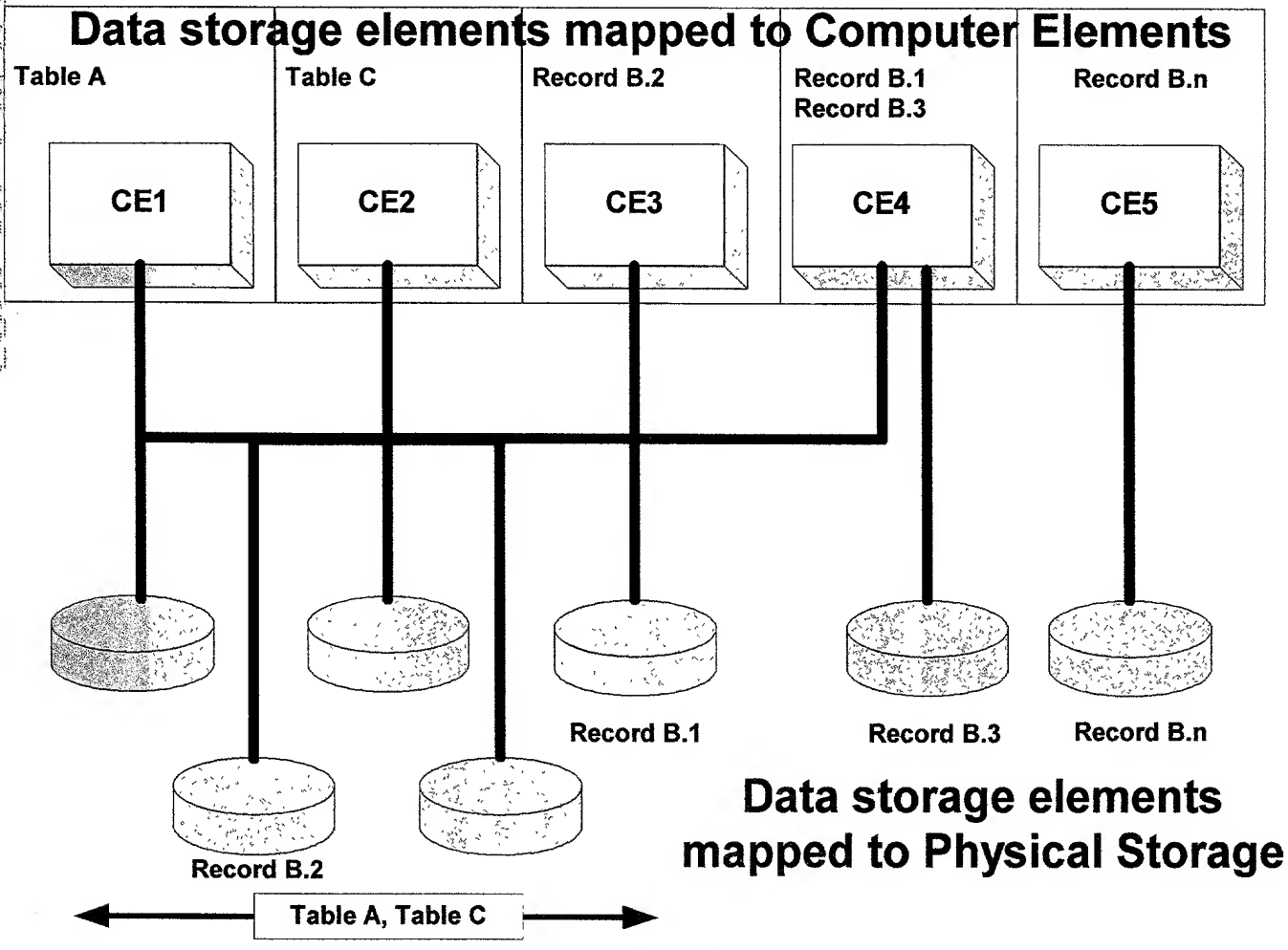

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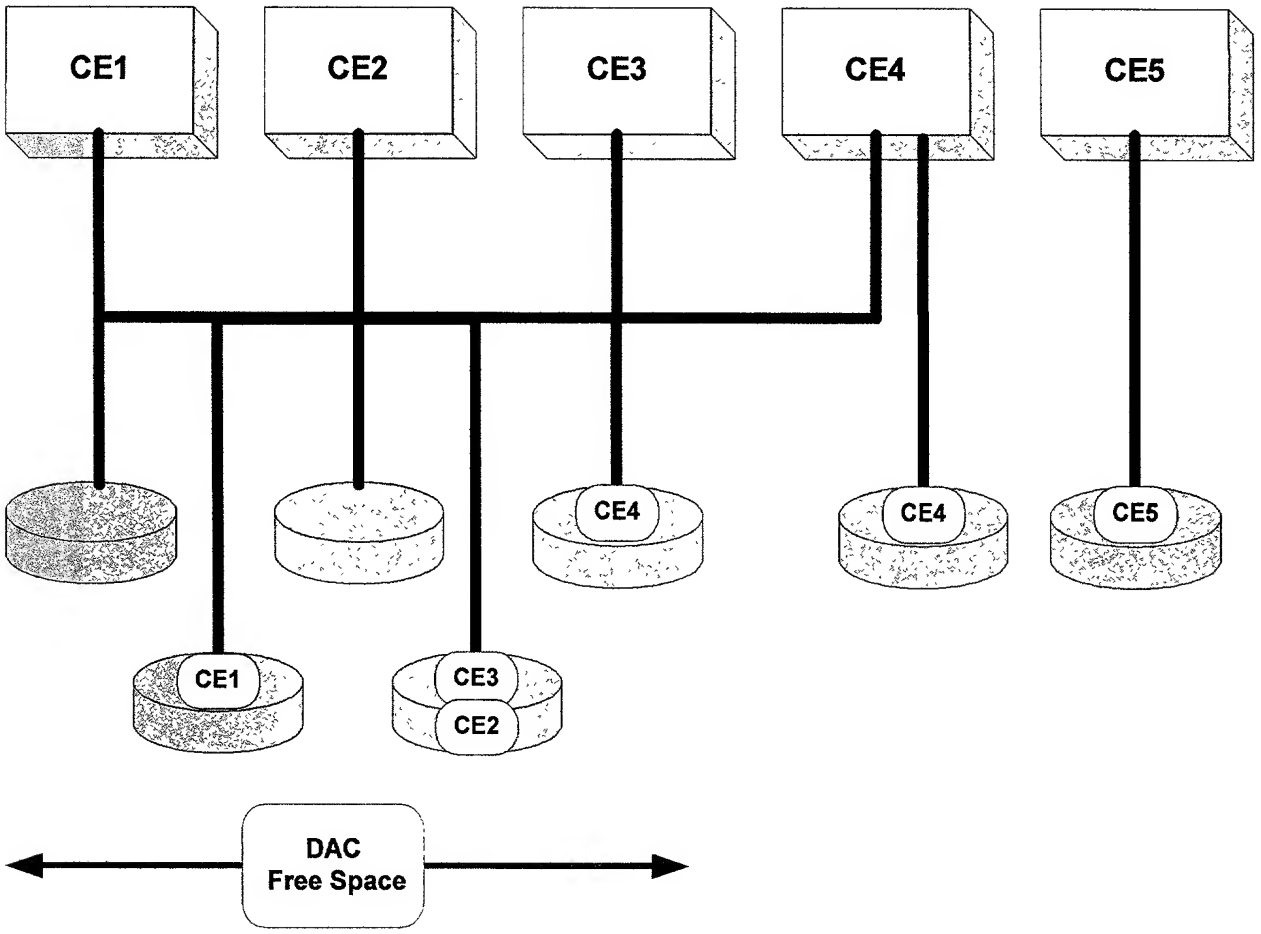


Figure 7: Two-Tier Mapping of Free Space onto Data Storage Elements

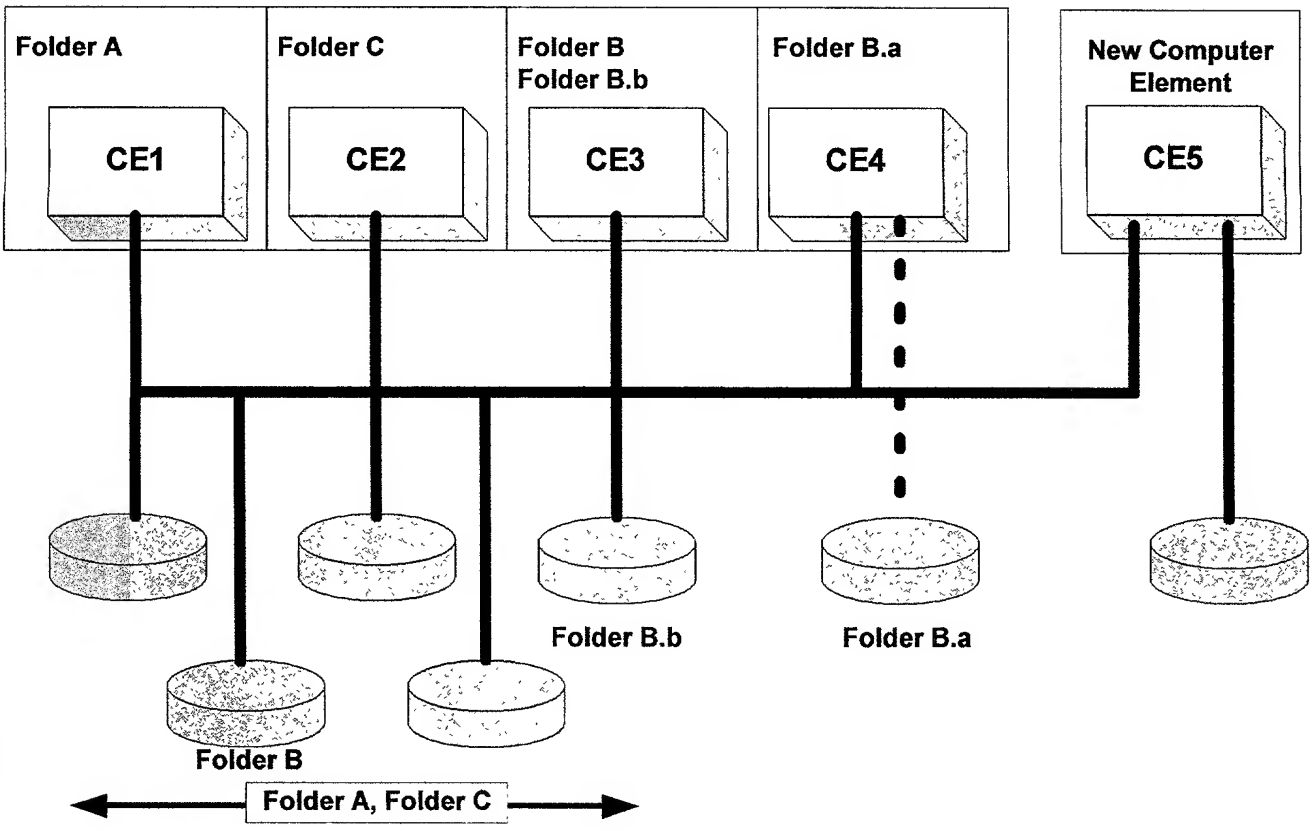


Fig 8a:Map just as New Computer Element is added

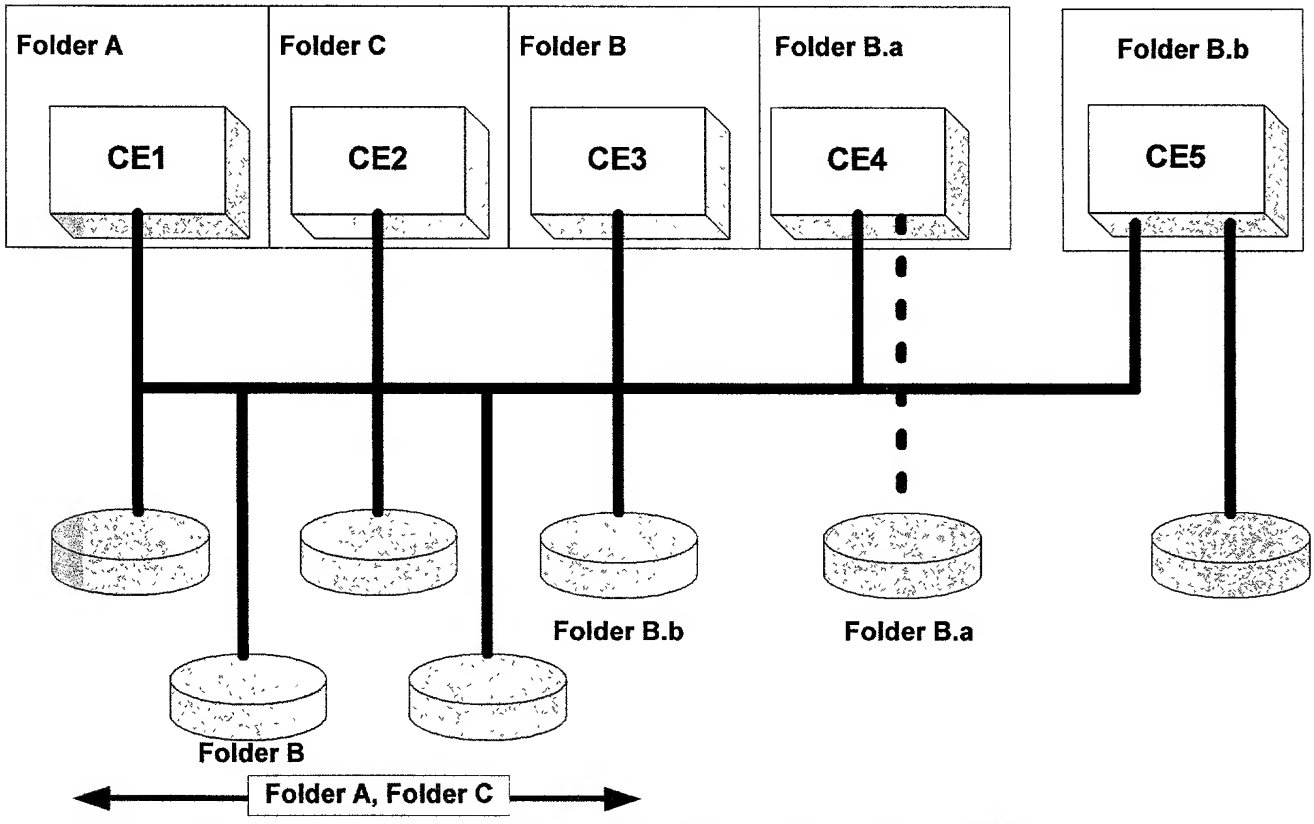


Fig 8b:Map After DAC has Re-allocated

Figure 8: Scaling of Computer Elements

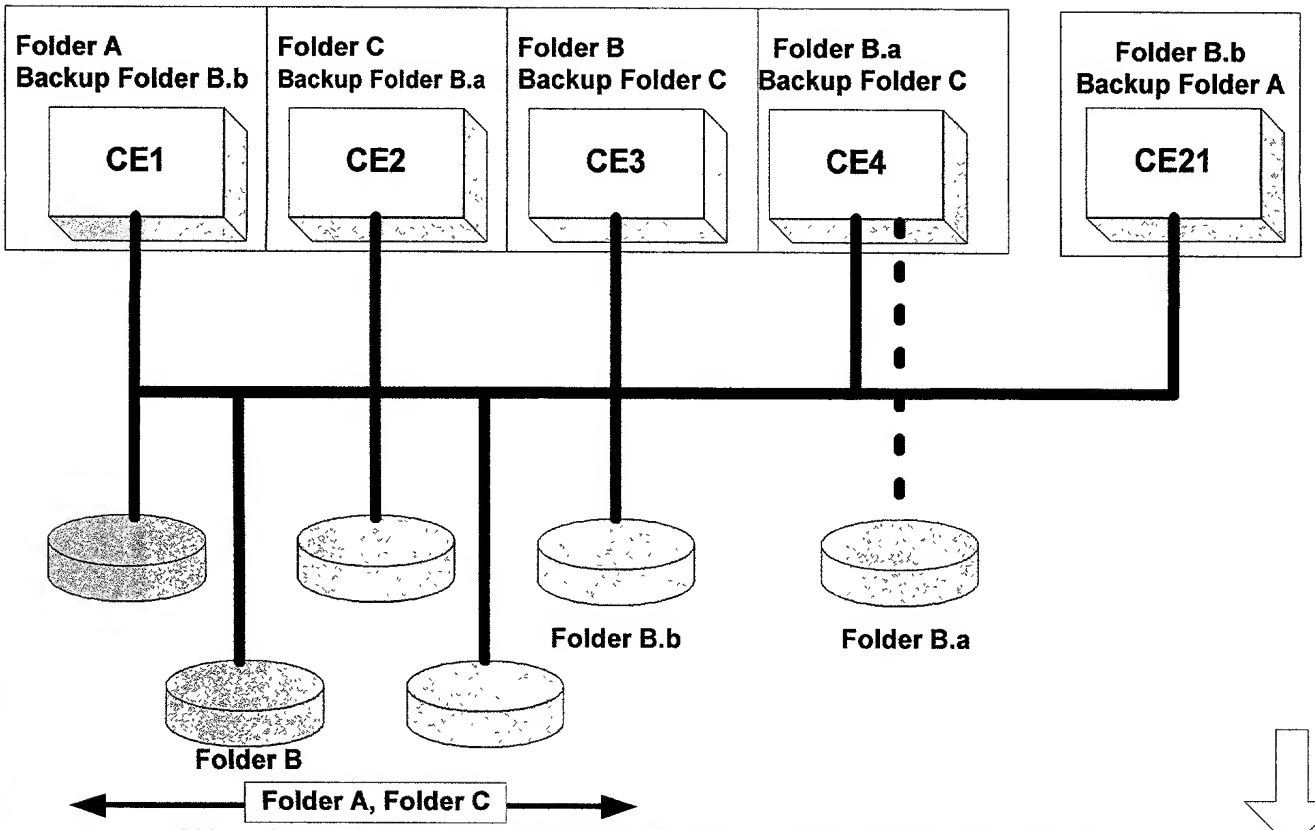


Fig 9a: Map with Backup Map Prior to Failure

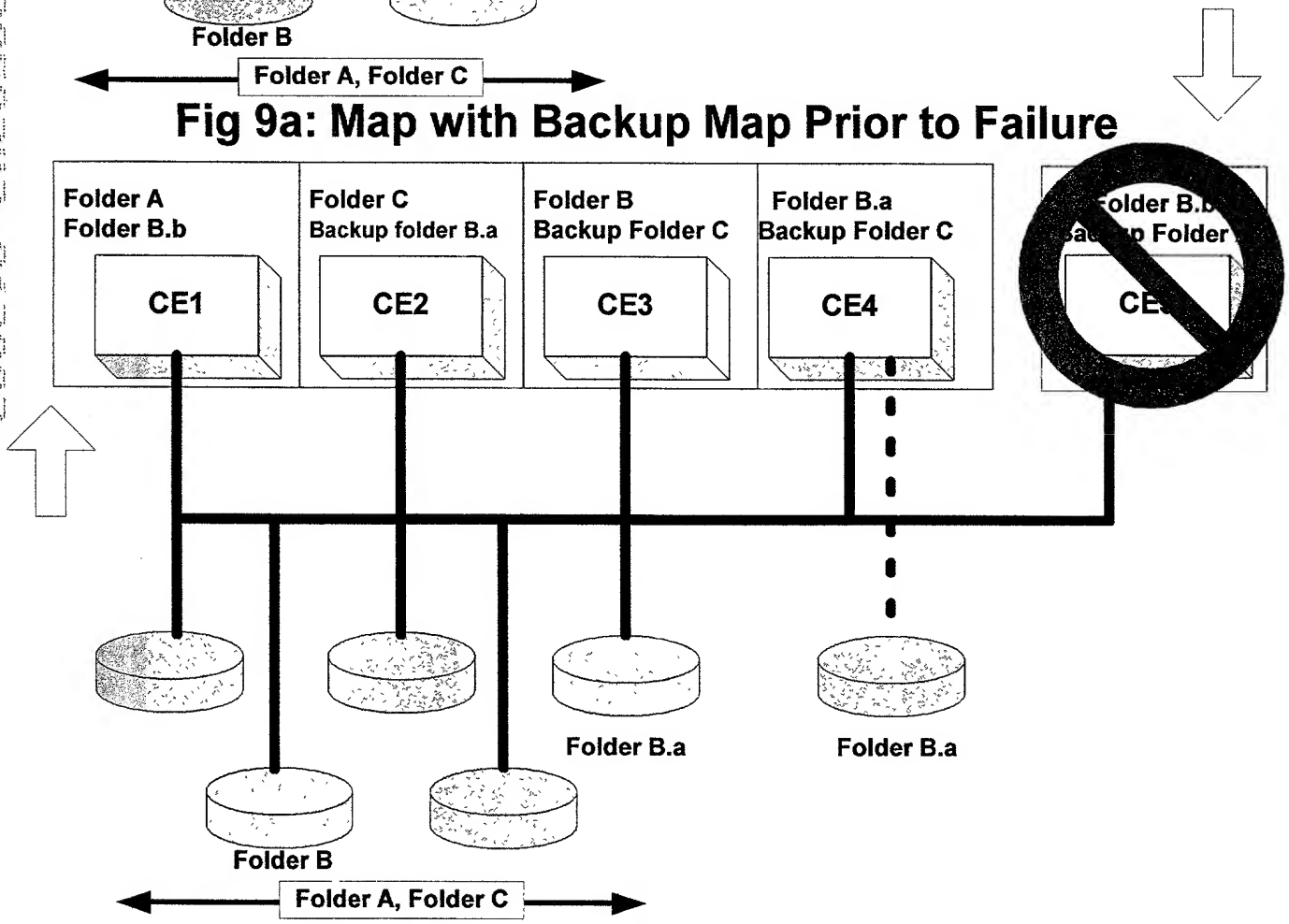
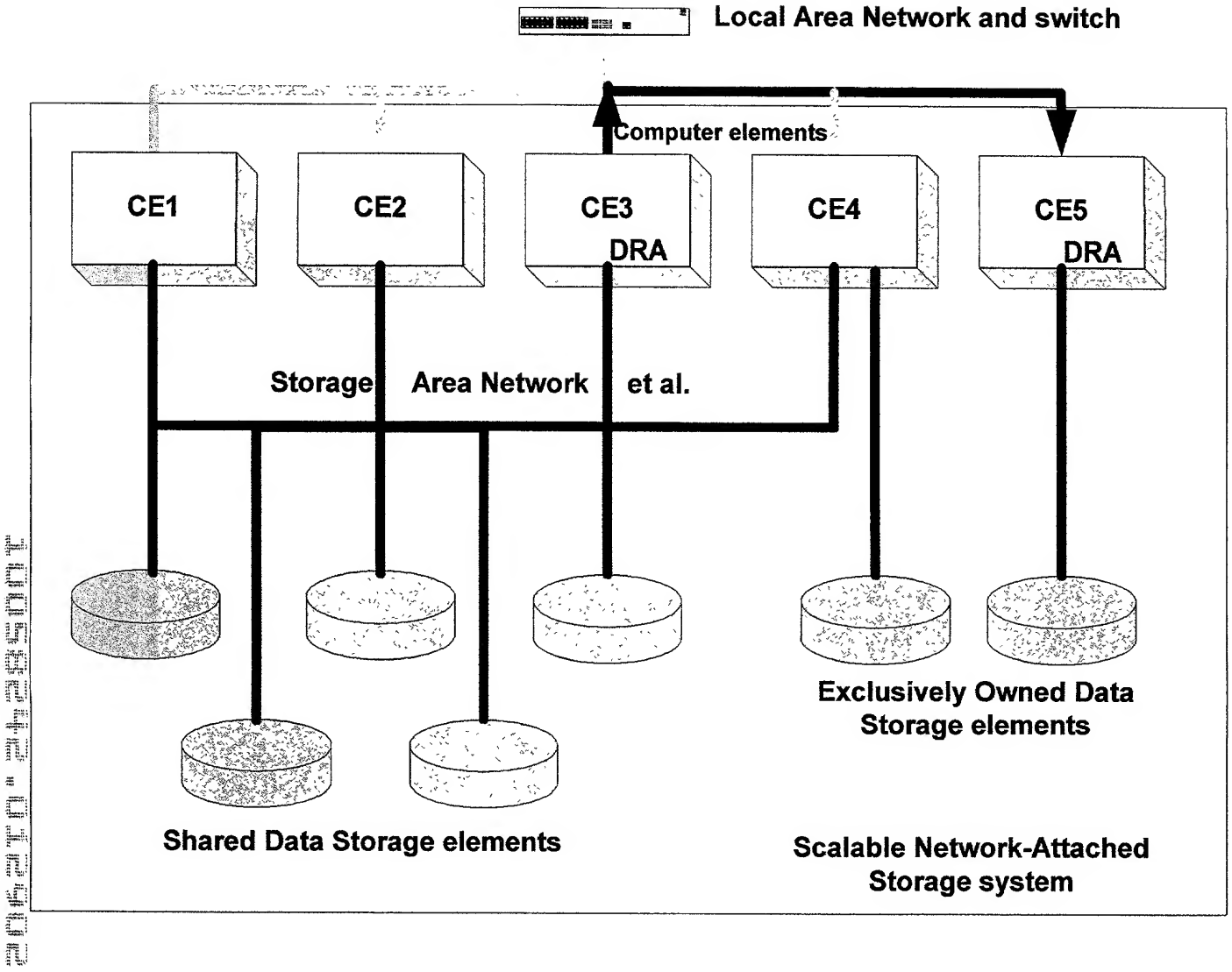


Fig 9b: Map Re-allocated After Failure

Figure 9: Backup Map Concept



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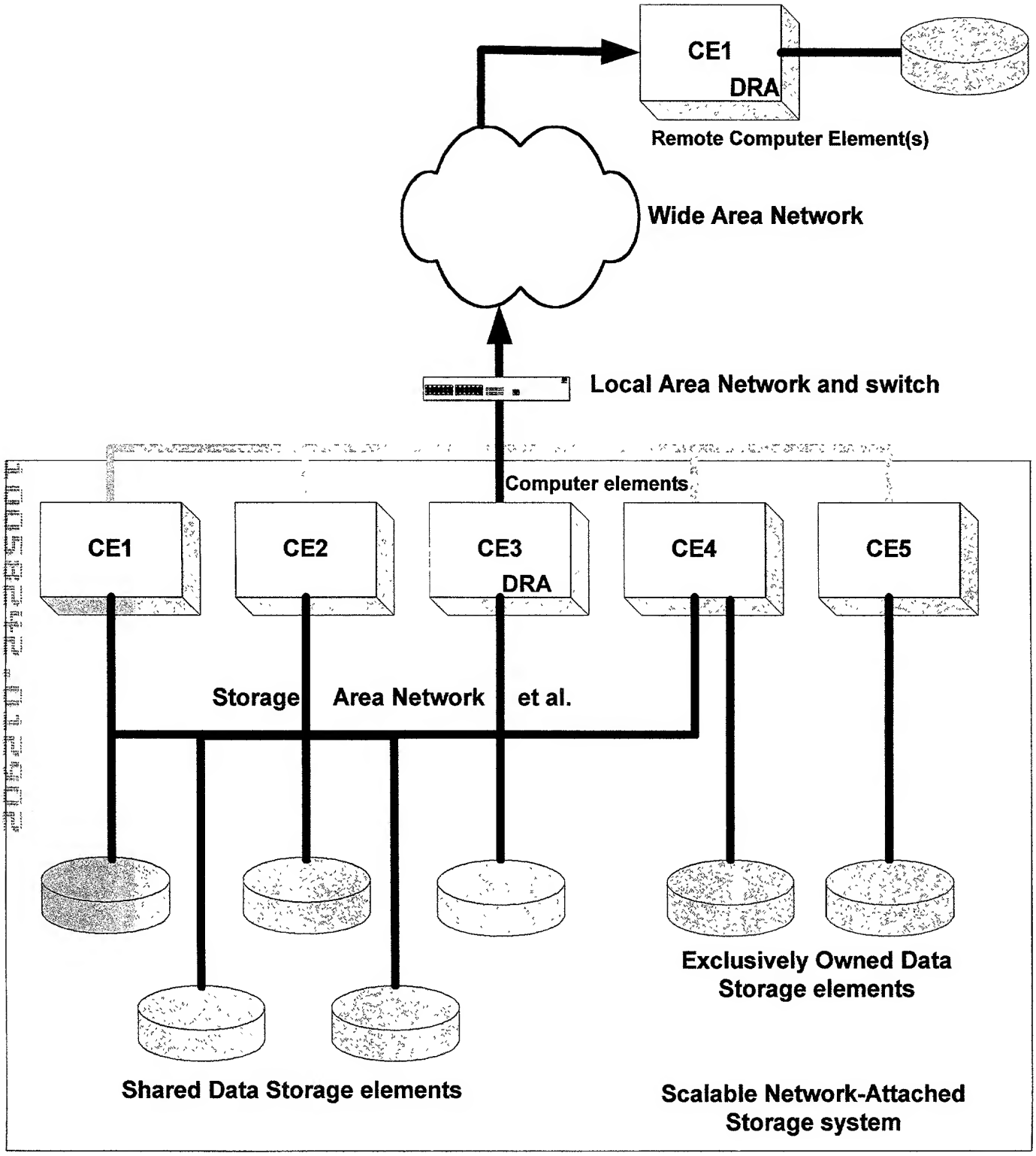

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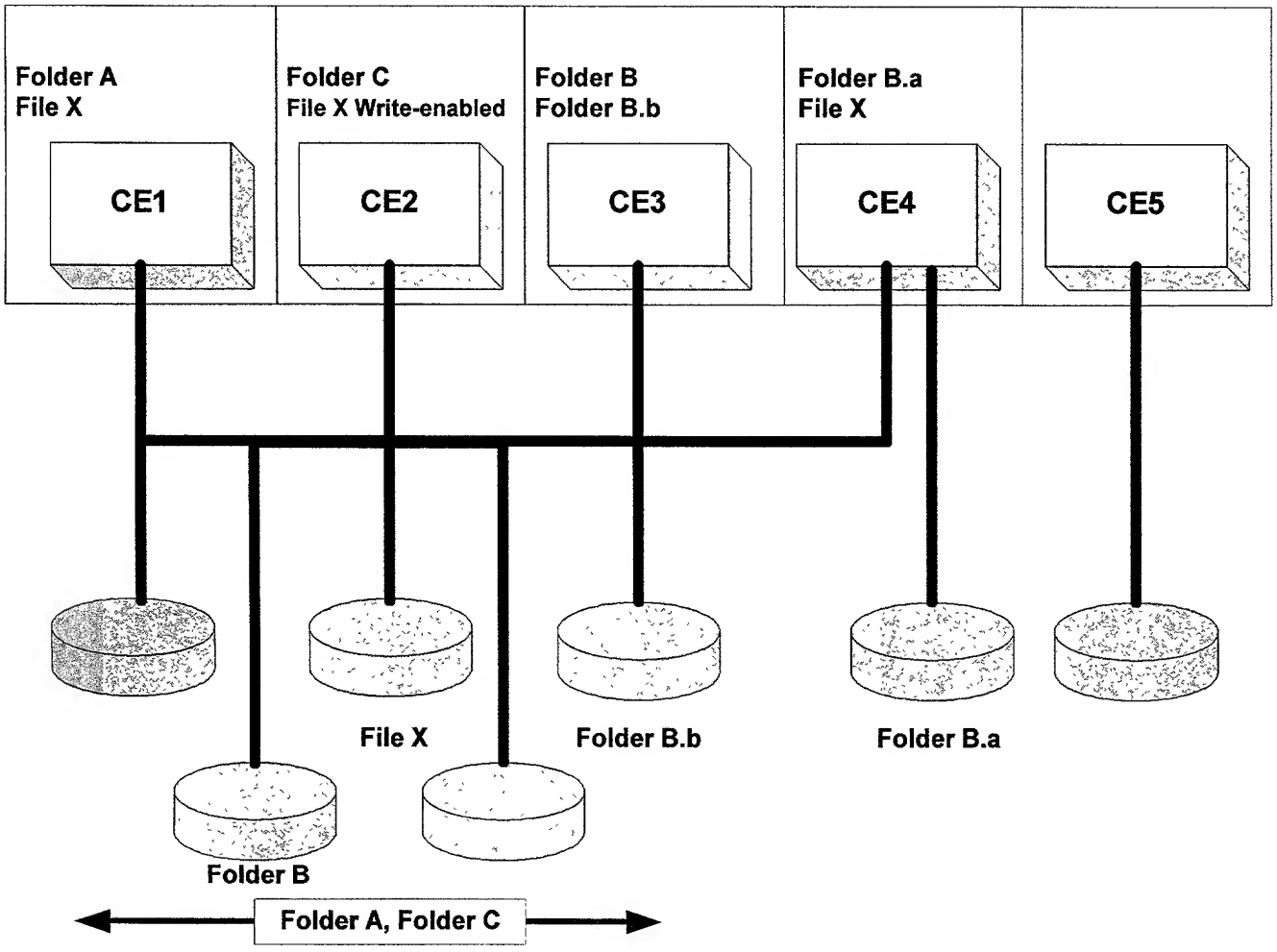
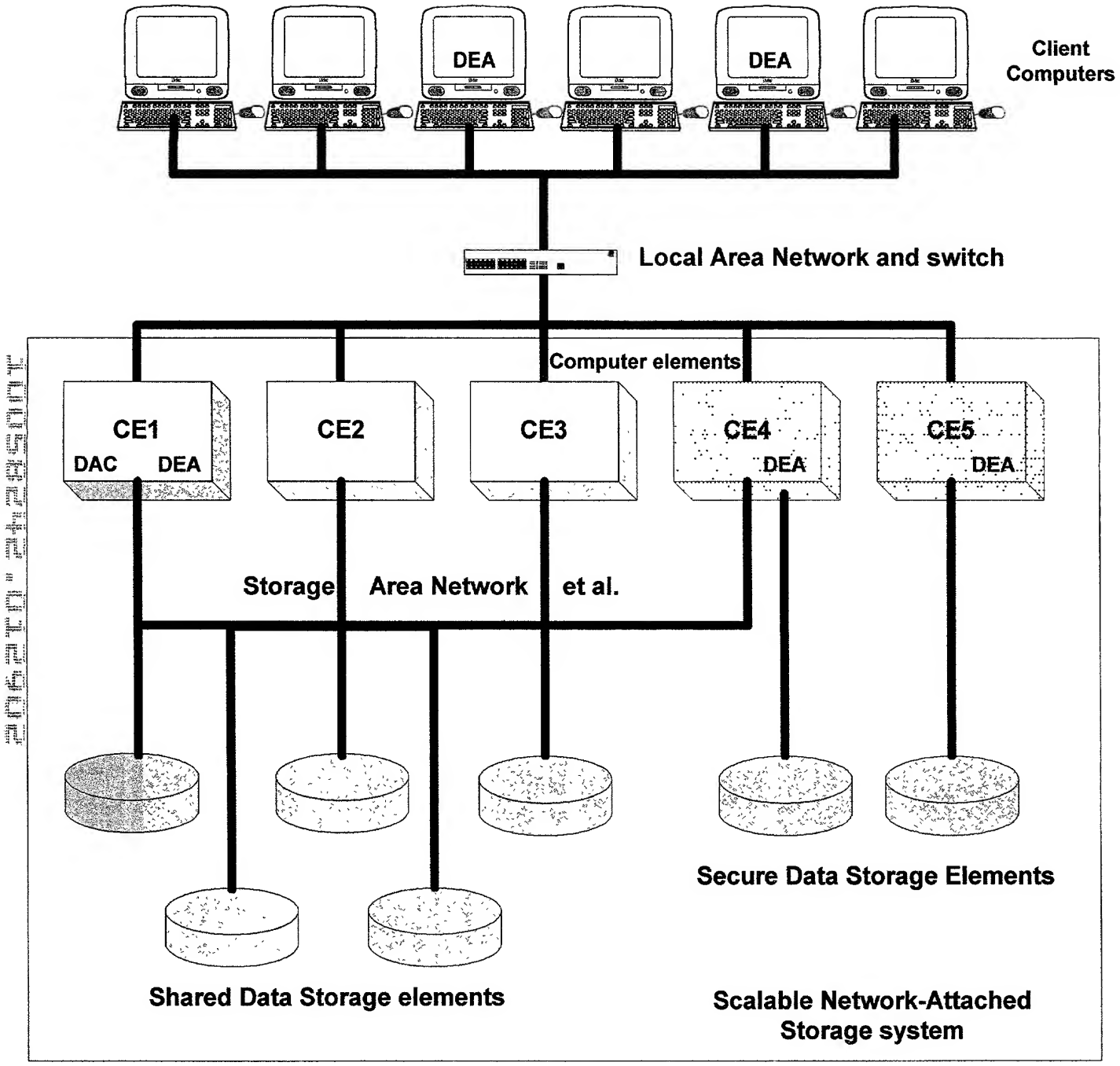


Figure 12: Access Replication



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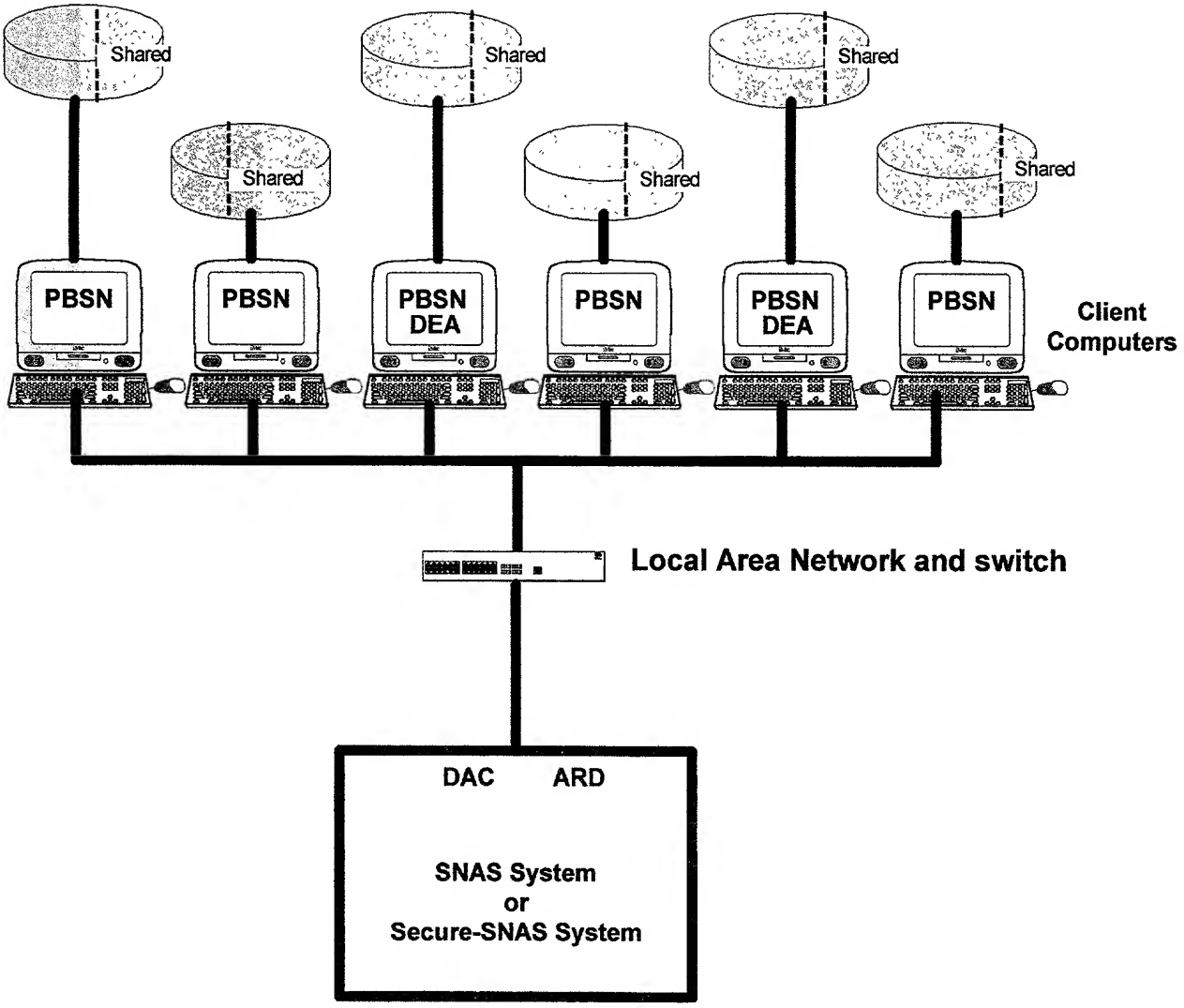

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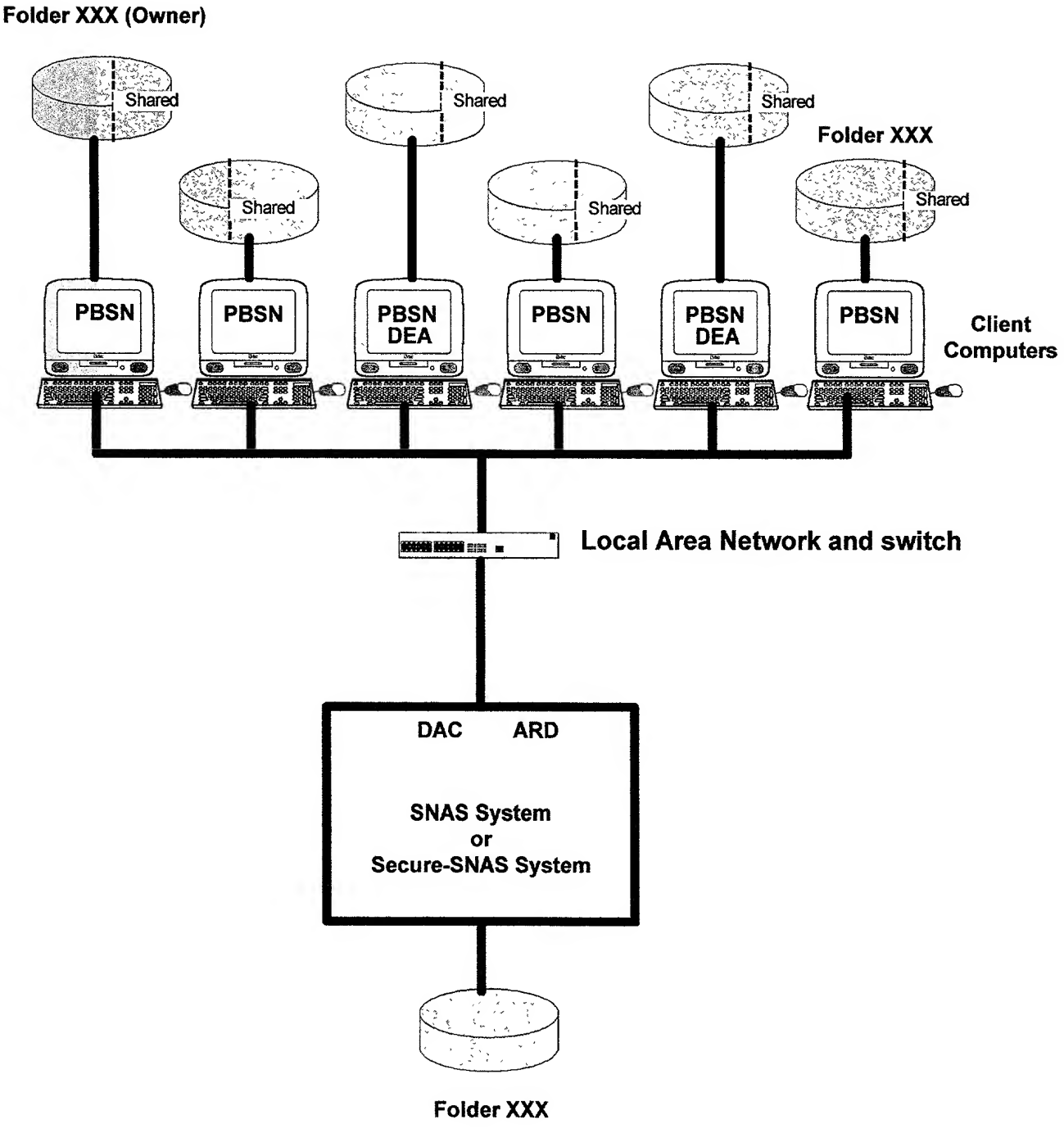

Figure 15: High Availability User Network Based on Peer-Based Storage Network

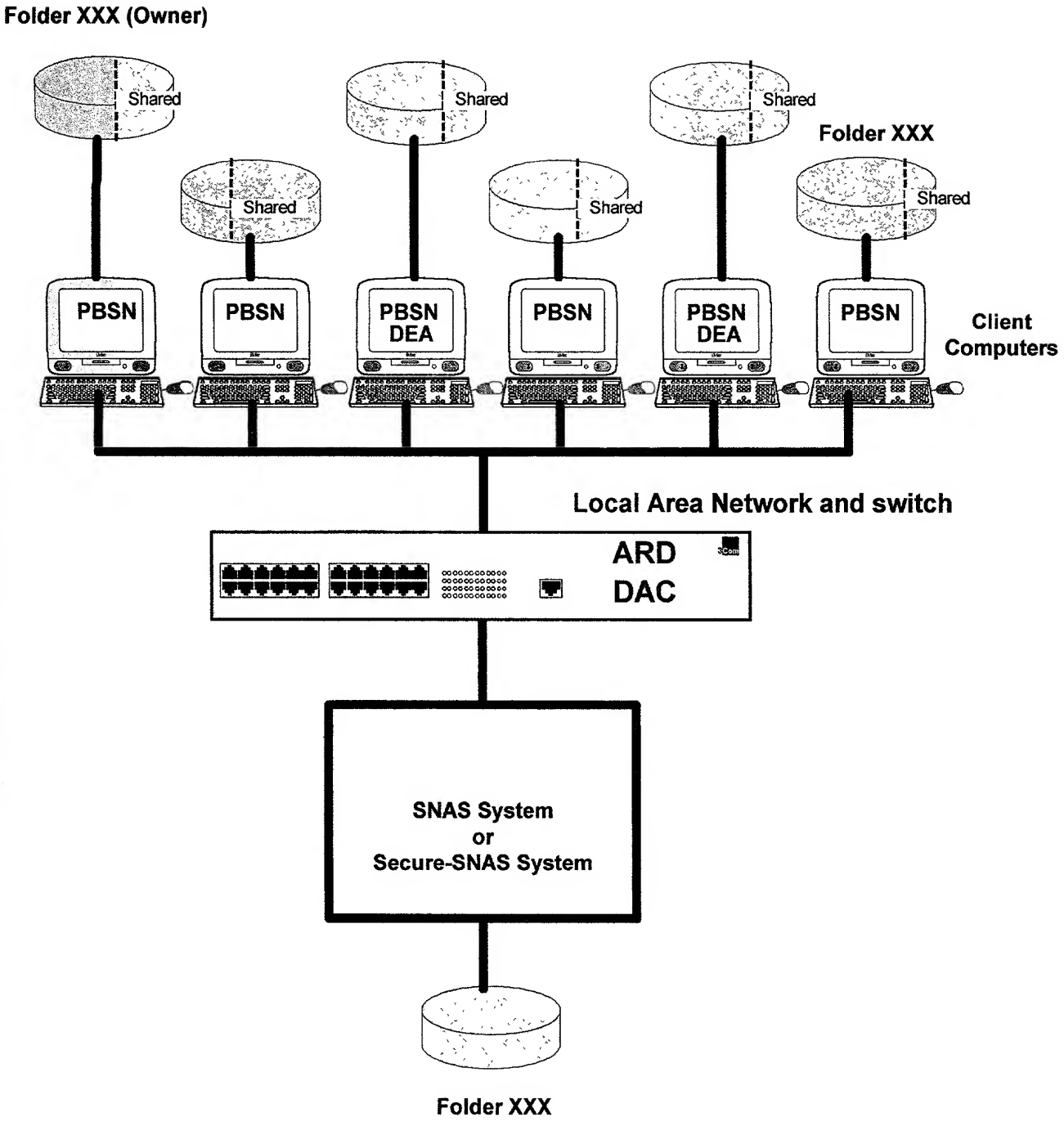

Figure 16: An Alternative Construction with DAC and ARD Functions in Network Switch